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**ATT: APPLICATION BRANCH**

Re: U.S. Application of Marco FRANCIA for "VASCA DI FERMENTAZIONE"

Our Ref: Q-63527

Sir:

Attached hereto is the Italian language application identified above including the claim to priority, claim for Small Entity Status and three (3) sheets of informal drawings labeled Figures 1-6.

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Attached is a check in the amount of **\$420.000** for the initial filing of the application and payment of the fee for filing in a foreign language. The Patent Office is authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Priority is claimed for this application from Italian Application No. TO2000A000235 filed March 13, 2000. The priority document, verified English translation, executed Declaration and Assignment will be submitted in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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